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SUBJECT: REFUGEE CONDITIONS: BELLAPAI AND HAPPY VALLEY

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1. EMBASSY DISASTER RELIEF OFFICER VISITED BELLAPAI WITH
SECOND UNFYCUP FOOD CONVOY TO REACH VILLAGE, ON MORNING
JULY 27. BELLAPAI, WITH ITS MEDIEVAL ABBEY, IT TOURISTIC VILLAGE
3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF KYRENIA IN FOOTHILLS OF NORTHERN MOUNTAIN
RANGE. VILLAGE AND FOREST ABOVE IT UNTOUCHED BY WAR AND NOW
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UNDER PROTECTION OF UNFICYP FINN CONTINGENT. NO TURK

TROOPS IN EVIDENCE AFTER CONVOY TURNED OFF MAIN NICOSIA-KYRENIA ROAD TO ASSESS TO VILLAGE, THOUGH BURNT OUT FORREST.

2. AS NOTED REF B, SOME 3000 GREEK CYPRIOTS CONCENTRATED IN VILLAGE WITH NORMAL POPULATION OF 500. MOST ARE RESIDENTS OF KYRENIA AND NEIGHBORING COASTAL VILLAGES AND SEEMED WILLING TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES PROVIDED THEY WERE PERMITTED TO AND WERE CONFIDENT THEY WOULD BE SECURE. REFUGEES QUARTERED IN HOUSES THROUGHOUT VILLAGE, INCLUDING SOME BRITISH-OWNED HOUSES, LIVING 30 TO 40 PER HOUSE. THOUGH VILLAGE HAS NO ELECTRICITY AND SOME HOUSES HAVE NO WATER, MOUNTAIN SPRING ASSURES POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WHICH CAN BE HANDCARRIED TO HOUSES. REFUGEES COLLECTING UN FOOD RATIONS IN VILLAGE SQUARE AND COOKING IN HOUSES. PEOPLE APPEAR BATHED, CLEAN SHAVEN AND DRESSED, SUPPLEMENTING UN RATIONS WITH VILLAGE GRAPES AND MELONS. THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF VILLAGE OVER MOUNTAIN JEEP TRAILS AND SOME REFUGEES HAVE DEPARTED. EMBOFF NOTED SOME SUCH MOVEMENT. REFUGEES HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES AND THERE IS NO APPARENT PANIC OR SERIOUS ANXIETY. EMBOFF MET 3 BRITISH CITIZENS, ONE CANADIAN, AND ONE AMERICAN FAMILY OF THREE. HE SUCCEEDED IN TAKING AMERICAN FAMILY BACK TO NICOSIA.

3. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN RESIDENT PAPHOS VISITED HAPPY VALLEY ON EPISKOPIS SBA, JULY 28. UNFICYP REPORTS 5000 TURK CYPRIOT REFUGEES THIS SITE. SOURCE STATES REFUGEES HOUSED IN SOME 700 TENTS AND BEING PROVIDED FOOD FROM SBA SOURCES. CONVERSATIONS WITH REFUGEES INDICATED SOME WALKED AS MUCH AS 15 MILES CROSS COUNTRY TO REACH SANCTUARY. DAVIES

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